

Ep. 6¹³ Therefore put on the whole armor
of God that ye may be able to withstand
in the evil day, and having done all,
to stand.

Adequate Preparation for Life Conflict

Intro. 1.1 Same that in vs. 11 & 13

2. Christ, the Prince of Peace! True fighters!
Life is a fight from beginning to end. To live
aright men must evade, resist, overcome,
subdue and utterly annihilate spiritual
enemies. Because of all-surrounding
dangers, a true man needs to be
adequately prepared for the life-conflict.
3. Every one who would attain the true
standard of living must put forth
effort.
Character is built, not inherited.

4. The Nature of life's adversaries.

"We wrestle not against flesh & blood"

"We wrestle against the rulers of the darkness
of this world, against spiritual wickedness
in high places."

Evils clothed with the authority
of government, religion, public opinion,
custom, and usage, industry
& commercial enterprise, politics!

5. We cannot avoid the conflict. (2)

a - The man who leaves it all to
live a solitary, exemplary life,
becomes the meanest kind of
a man.

b - So then, we cannot go out of life if
one would.

1. The vacant house left clean because
dust filled.

I. Adequate preparedness for the conflict of
life demands that we put on
the whole armor of God.

1. If one part of the armor is left off the
rest is useless.

a - To leave off any part is fatal.

b - Locking all doors & windows except
one, against burglars.

c - Closing all doors windows against wind,
except one.

d - Building against winter - all walls
except one?

2. Likewise, the lack of a single quality
in a man often renders useless
the other good qualities he may
have.

3. It is not enough simply to avoid evil.
"No evils." Negative law.

Adequate preparedness for life's
conflicts demands that we make
a stand - keep on fighting until
we win out.

1. The housewife boiling water for tea.
2. How many of us kindle a momentary
zeal that soon goes out.

III. How about "This one thing
I do" idea - specialization along
a single line. So far as
character is concerned and that
~~contentment~~ in life which alone
can satisfy, there is only
one "single thing" that can give
it - Love.

He who has this one single virtue
of love to God and man - can most
easily possess & practice all the
other virtues.